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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in the 1500 block of Lomb Ave SW.

The victim as been identified as:

James Bennefield, W/M, 46, of Cullman

On Wednesday, April 20, 2016 around 11:47 am, officers from the West Precinct responded to the listed location on a person down. Officers observed the victim lying on the ground in the driveway suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds to the body. Birmingham Fire and Rescue pronounced the victim deceased.

Investigators learned the victim might have been in an altercation with someone right before he was shot. According to a witness, while she was inside her residence she heard people outside arguing around 10:00 pm last night and later heard several gunshots. The next morning, the witness found the victim lying next to her car in the driveway around 11:30am and immediately notified police.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.